country. It has been decided to convert Metre Gauge lines to Broad Gauge in a phased manner, as per availability of resources so as to move towards unigauge system on the Indian Railways. 6000 kilometres are targetted for conversion in the VIII Plan.

कानपुर से कासगंज तक मीटर गेज लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदले जाने के लिए सर्वेक्षण

*211. **मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आज़मी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कानपुर तथा कासगंज के मध्य मीटर गेज लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदले जाने के लिए किये जा रहे सर्वेक्षण का कार्य पूरा कर लिया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या निष्कर्ष प्राप्त हुए हैं; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो यह सर्वेक्षण कब तक पूरा हो जाएगा?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) 1992-93 के दौरान।

Social Forestry Scheme in Madhya Pradesh

*212. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the targets fixed under the social forestry scheme in Madhya Pradesh in the Seventh Five Year Plan have been achieved;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the targets fixed for the Eighth Five Year Plan and the amount of Central assistance proposed to be granted for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, the total target for the five year period of the Seventh Plan for all afforestation and tree planting activities in Madhya Pradesh was 9.75 lakhs hectares, whereas the achievement was 9.92 lakh hectares.

(c) Details of the Eighth Five Year Plan have not been finalised.

Shortage of Petroleum Products in Tripura

*213. SHRI NARAYAN KAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of petroleum products, like petrol, diesel, kerosene oil and cooking gas, in Tripura;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to maintain the supply of these products;

(c) whether the Indian Oil Corporation (Assam Division) proposes to allot a Gas Agency in Belonia Town of Tripura; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) There was sporadic shortage of cooking gas in Tripura during January 1992 due to *Rasta-Roko* agitation by All Tripura Tribal Force. Kerosene was supplied to Tripura as per allocation.

(c) and (d) LPG Distributorships are opened as per Marketing Plans, economic Viability, product availability, etc.

Incidence of Cerebral Malaria in Madras

*214. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that cases of cerebral malaria, fatal to the brain, have been reported in Madras;

(b) if so, the number of such fatal cases; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to check this disease during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Although the number of cases of P. falciparum malaria are on the increase in Tamil Nadu, no fatalities were reported by the State Government. However, based upon a news report a private hospital was contacted which reported 4 deaths due to cerebral malaria during the last one year.

(c) Under the National Malaria Eradication Programme, the States are being assisted on a 50:50 basis by provision of technical inputs, insecticides